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Purpose: To make minor, technical, and clarifying changes in the bill as introduced.

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Intended to be proposed by Mr. Frist (for himself and Mr. Rockefeller)

Viz:

On page 4, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

SEC. 3. SPECIAL FINDINGS REGARDING HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH.

The Congress makes the following findings with respect to health-related research:

(1) Health and economic benefits provided by health-related research._ Because of health-related research, cures for many debilitating and fatal diseases have been discovered and deployed. At present, the medical research community is on the cusp of creating cures for a number of leading diseases and their associated burdens. In particular, medical research has the potential to develop treatments that can help manage the escalating costs associated with the aging of the United States population.

(2) Funding of health-related research._ Many studies have recognized that clinical

and basic science are in a state of crisis because of a failure of resources to meet the opportunity. Consequently, health-related research has emerged as a national priority and has been given significantly increased funding by Congress in fiscal year 1999. In order to continue addressing this urgent national need, the pattern of substantial budgetary expansion begun in fiscal year 1999 should be maintained.

(3) Interdisciplinary nature of health-related research._ Because all fields of science and engineering are interdependent, full realization of the nation's historic investment in health will depend on major advances both in the biomedical sciences and in other science and engineering disciplines. Hence, the vitality of all disciplines must be preserved, even as special considerations are given to the health research field.

On page 4, line 19, strike ``SEC. 3." and insert ``SEC. 4.".

On page 7, line 3, strike ``SEC. 4." and insert ``SEC. 5.".

On page 10, line 3, strike ``SEC. 5." and insert ``SEC. 6.".

On page 10, strike lines 4 through 21 and insert the following:

(a) Policy._ This Act is intended to_

(1) assure a base level of Federal funding for basic scientific, biomedical, and pre-competitive engineering research, with this base level defined as a doubling of Federal basic research funding over the 11 year period following the date of enactment of this Act;

(2) invest in the future economic growth of the United States by expanding the research activities referred to in paragraph (1);

(3) enhance the quality of life and health for all people of the United States through expanded support for health-related research;

(4) allow for accelerated growth of agencies such as the National Institutes of Health to meet critical national needs;

(5) guarantee the leadership of the United States in science, engineering, medicine, and technology; and

(6) ensure that the opportunity and the support for undertaking good science is widely available throughout the United States by supporting a geographically-diverse research and development enterprise.

On page 11, line 23, strike ``Federal" and insert ``Food and".

On page 12, strike lines 1 through 3.

On page 12, line 4, strike ``(d)" and insert ``(c)".

On page 12, strike lines 10 through 15.

On page 12, line 16, strike ``(f)" and insert ``(d)".

On page 13, line 6, strike ``\$42,290,000,000" and insert ``\$44,290,000,000".

On page 13, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(4) Acceleration to meet national needs._

(A) In general._ If the amount appropriated for any fiscal year to an agency for the purposes stated in paragraph (3) increases by more than 8 percent over the amount appropriated to it for those purposes for the preceding fiscal year, then the amounts authorized by paragraph (3) for subsequent fiscal years for that agency and other agencies shall be determined under subparagraphs (B) and (C).

(B) Exclusion of agency in determining other agency amounts for next fiscal year._ For the next fiscal year after a fiscal year described in subparagraph (A), the amount authorized to be appropriated to other agencies under paragraph (3) shall be determined by excluding the agency described in subparagraph (A). Any amount that would, but for this subparagraph, be authorized to be appropriated to that agency shall not be appropriated.

(C) Resumption of regular treatment._ Notwithstanding subparagraph (B), an agency may not be excluded from the determination of the amount authorized to be appropriated under paragraph (3) for a fiscal year following a fiscal year for which the sum of the amounts appropriated to that agency for fiscal year 2000 and all subsequent fiscal years for the purposes described in paragraph (3) does not exceed the sum of_

(i) the amount appropriated to that agency for such purposes for fiscal year 2000; and

(ii) the amounts that would have been appropriated for such purposes for subsequent fiscal years if the goal described in paragraph (1) had been met (and not exceeded) with respect to that agency's funding.

(D) No limitation on other funding._ Nothing in this paragraph limits the amount that may be appropriated to any agency for the purposes described in paragraph (3).

On page 13, line 16, strike ``(g)" and insert ``(e)".

On page 13, line 23, strike ``(h)" and insert ``(f)",

On page 14, line 5, strike ``SEC. 6." and insert ``SEC. 7.".

On page 15, line 4, strike ``SEC. 7." and insert ``SEC. 8.".

On page 19, line 21, strike ``SEC. 8." and insert ``SEC. 9.".

